

under an influence of an electrostatic field generated by a device for electrostatic charging characterized in that

- a reversing roller for reversing the material web is provided in the transport direction upstream of the spray device,
- that the reversing roller has associated with it a device for electrostatic charging designed as a corona-charging electrode,
- and that the spray device has two water spray heads located on both sides of the material web.

2. (Amended) Device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the reversing roller has a smooth surface that is a good electrical conductor.

3. (Amended) Device according to Claim 2 characterized in that the reversing roller is high-gloss chrome-plated.

4. (Amended) Device according to Claim 3 characterized in that the reversing roller is grounded.

5. (Amended) Device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the reversing roller has a jacket having a smooth outer surface and a thin coating provided on the smooth outer surface.

6. (Amended) Device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the reversing roller is wrapped around by the material web in an angle range that forms at least a right angle.

7. (Amended) Device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the corona-charging electrode is located in a plane spanned by an axis of the reversing roller and a tangent line in an area in which the material web runs onto a jacket of the reversing roller.

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8. (Amended) Device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the water spray heads directed at the surface of the material web are grounded.

9. (Amended) Device according to Claim 8 characterized in that the two water spray heads are located opposite one another on the two sides of the material web.

Please add the following new claims to the application:

-10. Device according to Claim 5, characterized in that the thin coating is made of *Okay* polytetrafluoroethylene or risilan.

11. Device according to Claim 1 characterized in that the two water spray heads are located opposite one another on the two sides of the material web. *Okay*

12. A device for moistening a material web moved in a transport direction, comprising

a reversing roller for changing a transport direction of the material web,
a corona-charging electrode for electrostatically charging electrode being provided on a side of the material web opposite the reversing roller in a vicinity of the reversing roller; and

a spray device for spraying water mist onto the material web, the spray device comprising at least one spray head on each side of the material web downstream of the reversing roller.

13. The device according to Claim 12, wherein the spray device is grounded. *Okay*

14. The device according to Claim 12, wherein the spray device has applied to it a polarity opposite that of the corona charging electrode. *Okay*

15. The device according to Claim 12, wherein the corona charging electrode applies a charging current to the material web at a portion of the material web

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passing through a extension of a diameter of the reversing roller which passes through a tangent point.

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16. The device according to Claim 12, wherein the spray heads are located opposite one another on different sides of the material web.--

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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract to read as follows: